

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TALLAHASSEE FL  
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To: Emergency management officials, news media, and other users.

Effective Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7 am EST (1200 UTC) the National Weather Service in Tallahassee will modify the flood stage levels for the Ochlockonee River near Havana [US-27] (HVNFL) to better reflect impacts from flooding along this portion of the river.

These new flood levels are:

Action Stage	20 feet (unchanged)
Minor Flood Stage	26 feet (up 1 foot)
Moderate Flood Stage	31 feet (up 5.5 feet)
Major Flood Stage	35 feet (up 3 feet)

This location is a flood only forecast point, which means forecasts and warnings are issued when the river is expected to rise near or above flood stage.

These updated flood stages were a direct result of analysis of several recent flood events by the National Weather Service in Tallahassee and the Leon and Gadsden County Emergency Management Agencies and Leon County Storm Water Management.

A set of statements have been developed that communicate impacts along the Ochlockonee River at specific stage readings. These are:

- 21 feet - Tower Road boat ramp subject to closure
- 26 feet - The river overflows into wooded bottomlands near US-27 and CR-153 in Leon and Gadsden Counties
- 28 feet - Water spreads out across the flood plain on both banks of the river further inundating wooded areas. The boat ramp at Iron Bridge Road (CR-153) in Gadsden County is flooded.
- 31 feet - Iron Bridge Road (CR-153) in Gadsden County is prone to flooding just north of the river crossing. Residences several miles downstream of the gage site near US-90 on the Leon County side will have water in their backyards.
- 33 feet - Water will approach several structures on the Leon County side of the river near US-90 off Houston Road.
- 34 feet - US Highway 27 is monitored for possible closure.
- 35 feet - Major flooding throughout the basin upstream of Lake Talquin. US-27 is subject to closure.

The data for this forecast point is provided through our partner, the US Geological Survey. Without this critical data, forecasts and warnings would not be possible at this location. You can learn more about this and other stream gages in Florida by visiting:

<http://fl.water.usgs.gov>

To get the latest information on this and other river forecast points in the Tallahassee area of responsibility, please visit our website at:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=tae>

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